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THE BARMAID QUESTION.

Definition Difficulties.

At the meeting of the Hongkong Legisla-
tive Council yesterday afternoon an in-
teresting discussion arose on the
question during the consideration in com-
mittee of the Bill which is to consolidate
the law relating to intoxicating liquors.
Hon. Attorney General pointed out that
a barmaid had now been defined. A
barmaid meant any woman other than the
licensee (if a woman) or the wife of a
licensee who was employed to sell intoxicat-
ing liquors behind a bar or within any
licensed premises.
Hon. Mr. Ho Kai—How about partners?
In a case before the Police Court partners
were mentioned. I suppose you do not
recognize partners?
The Colonial Secretary—No. We only
recognize the person whose name is on the
license.
Hon. Mr. Osborne—According to the
barmaid definition, a woman would not be
a barmaid if she sold liquor in any other
place than behind the bar.
The Attorney General—She would be a
barmaid "within any licensed premises."
Hon. Mr. Osborne—If a lady plays the
piano only she is not a barmaid?
His Excellency—It is practically impos-
sible. I think, to include that class of
people.
Hon. Mr. Hewett—I take it the idea in
framing this clause was to adopt what is
commonly known as the American system
that no woman should be employed in the
bar at all. According to this clause as it
now stands, there is nothing to prevent
girls being engaged in the bar so long as
they do not actually handle the drink. If
the idea is to prevent girls and women
being in the bar I don't think that the
definition meets the case. In America no
women are allowed in bars at all, and I
presume that is the idea we are working
on at the present moment. In all these
grog shops in Hongkong, there are girls,
singers or singers, and they wait about
and make themselves agreeable while a
coolie serves the liquor.
His Excellency—All these licenses are
renewable annually, and if the Licen-
sing Board hears of a house employing
women the license may not be renewed.
Hon. Mr. Hewett—I speak subject to
correction, but I believe every house in
Hongkong does employ women. I don't
reflect for a moment on the character of
the house or the women. My point is
that women are just as much in the bars
now as they were a few years ago.
His Excellency—Can you suggest any
possible amendment to cover that?
Hon. Mr. Hewett—No, that is for the law
officer of the Crown.
The Attorney General—As His Exce-
llency pointed out, a license may not be
renewed if a publican abuses his privileges
and allows women of the baser sort to
assemble in his premises. The police
would report such an occurrence, and
the license would probably be refused.
Hon. Mr. Hewett—I don't suggest for a
moment that these women are of the baser
sort. They are generally relatives. Other
people who stick to the letter of the law
probably less so.
The Colonial Secretary—This question
will be discussed at the Licensing Board
in a day or two, so it might be better to
let it stand over.
His Excellency—We will leave the Bill
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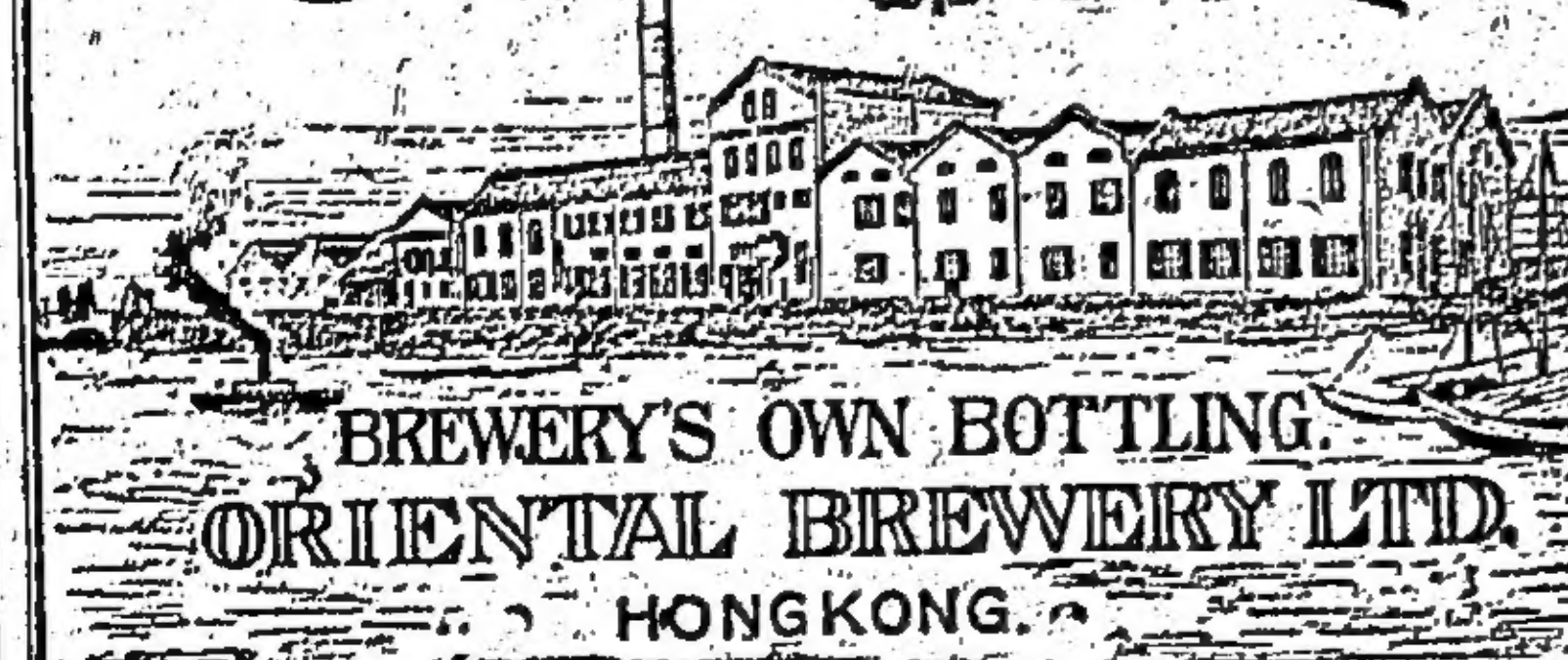
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THE COTTON INDUSTRY.

Interesting Comparison of Costs.

The following article appeared in a recent

issue of the Manchester Guardian:

Tariff "Reformers" are always telling us

that Protection means more employment

and better wages for the working man. But

when it is brought home to them that

wages in every protected European country

are lower than in Free-trade England

they turn round and say that this is

the strongest reason in the world

why the British labourer should

be protected against the unfair competition

of underpaid foreigners. If the Japanese

male will spin eleven hours for one shil-

ling, a Tariff "Reform" candidate for

Parliament is reported to have said

recently, "and if the female Japanese

will spin eleven hours for 0.1d., how can

you compete?" The Tariff "Reform"

says: "Put a tariff between yourselves

and Japan. You don't want to come to

the Japanese level, and you can't lift him

to yours—then put a tariff between the

two."

In this form of argument there is involved

a serious error. It was Thomas Brassey

who, in the middle of last century, in his

distinguished career as railway contractor,

verified the truth that the cost of labour to

the employer is not proportionate to the

amount of wages paid per employee. Bras-

sey dealt with labourers in different parts

of the world, and found by experience that

it was less costly to himself to employ the

British navy at 3s. 6d. per day than the

Indian navy at 1s. 6d. per day.

True to-day in the cotton industry. The

actual money wages paid to one employee

are not an index of the cost of labour. In

those countries where wages are low the

cost of labour is high; conversely, in

Lancashire, where wages are high, the cost

of labour is low. The element of efficiency

must be taken into account, and the true

criticism of the cost of labour is the amount

of wages in relation to the amount of work

done.

We will take as examples wages and cost

of labour in Japan, India, Italy, France,

and Brazil and compare them with Lan-

cashire. We will reduce the cost of labour

to the same unit in each country—viz., the

annual cost per spindle, and finally we

shall see the annual cost for labour alone in

a spinning mill of 10,000 spindles.

In the Bombay Gazette of August 20th

last Mr. Arthur Leslie made a calculation

of the relative efficiency of the Japanese

and the Indian cotton mill operative.

The figures which he used for Japan were

provided by the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha,

Limited, Bombay, and refer to the

whole of the Japanese mills. The figures

for India were provided by the Bombay

Millowners' Association, and refer only

to mills in the Island of Bombay. On the

basis of these figures Mr. Arthur Leslie

estimated that 20.8 operatives were re-

quired in Japan for every 1,000 spindles.

In Bombay 30.7 operatives were required

per 1,000 spindles. Last June, in answer

to a question in the House of Commons,

Mr. Dutton gave official figures for the

number and wages of cotton operatives in

Japan in the year 1908. The number of

males employed in Japan is 18,732,

the number of females 115,583. The

wages of spinners were of males

103d. per day, for females 63d. per

day. If we assume that the pro-

portion of males to females among the

spinners is the same as among all the cotton

operatives it follows that the average wage

of spinners was 7.2d. per day. Now in

Japan 20.8 mill hands are required per 1,000

spindles, from which we calculate that the

cost of labour per spindle per year is 3s.

11d.

In India 30.7 hands are required per

1,000 spindles. The Statistical Abstract

relating to British India gives the wages

of the cotton operatives at Calcutta in the

present year. The monthly wages in the

millroom are 41.5 rupees for the head

mistress, 9.2 rupees for minders, and

0.8 rupees for spare hands. Wages in the

cardroom are similar. If we assume that

the average monthly wages of all the

hands employed in spinning is about

15 rupees, or 20s. per month, it follows

that the monthly cost per 1,000 spindles

for labour alone is about £31, or about

7s. 5d. per spindle per year.

Pierre Degrand has made a calculation of

the cost of labour in the spinning mills of

Lancashire, and his conclusion has been

adopted by another French authority—

Leconte. Degrand's estimate was based

on his inquiries into the State, Westwood,

HONGKONG AVERAGE MARKET PRICES.

Corrected to Thursday, March 2nd, 1911.
At 100 cents per Dollar American.

Butcher Meat.

Beef Sirlon & Primo Cut—Moi Lung Pa	lb	20
Corned—Ham Ngau Yuk	lb	22
Roast—Shiu	lb	22
Breast—Nagu Lam	lb	15
Soup—Tong Yuk	lb	20
Steak—Nagu Yuk Pa	lb	22
Sirlon Coton—Nagu Lau	lb	23
Sausages—Nagu Chawing	lb	26
Dullock's Brains—Know	per set	50
Tongue fresh—Nagu Li	each	60
Head—Nagu Tan	lb	85
Heart—Nagu Sun	lb	12
Feet—Nagu Kin	lb	18
Ham—Nagu Kark	each	8
Kidneys—Nagu Yiu	lb	18
Tail—Nagu Mei	lb	12
Liver—Nagu Kon	lb	12
Tripe (undressed)—Nagu To	lb	6
Calve Head & Feet—Nagu-chai-tau-kut	set	81
Mutton Chop—Young Pei Kwat	lb	22
Leg—Young Poi	lb	23
Shoulder—Young Shau	lb	20
Children—Chu Chong	lb	22
Brains—Chu Know	per set	24
Feet—Chu Kark	lb	12
Fry—Chu Chik	lb	25
Head—Chu Tau	lb	15
Heart—Chu Sun	each	13
Kidneys—Chu Yiu	lb	9
Liver—Chu Con	lb	30
Pork Chop—Chu Pal Kwat	lb	20
Corned—Ham Ngau Yuk	lb	22
Leg—Chu Pei	lb	24
Fat or Lard—Chu Yau	lb	10
Sheep's Head and Feet—Young Tau Kark set	set	50
Heart—Young Sun	each	6
Kidneys—Young Yiu	lb	9
Liver—Young Con	lb	24
Sucking Pig, To Order—Chu Chai	lb	22
Suet, Beef—Sung Ngau Yau	lb	20
Mutton—Sung Ngau Yau	lb	20
Veal—Nagu Chai Yau	lb	20
Sausages—Nagu Chai Chawing	lb	20

Poultry.

Chicken—Kai Chai	lb	32
Capon, Large, Small—Sin Kai	lb	32
Ducks—Ap	lb	22
Doves—Pan Kau	each	—
Eggs, Hen—Kai Tan	per doz	24
Fowls, Cuckoo—Kai	lb	35
Hainan—Hot Nam Kai	lb	32
Geese—Nagi	lb	22
Guest, Wild Shai—Shang-hoi Yea Ngai pair	each	—
Musk Deer—Wong Kong	each	—
Hare, Shanghai—Tu Chai	lb	65
Partridge—Chu Khoo	lb	65
Pheasant—Shan Kai	pair	81.05
Pigeons, Canton—Pak Kup	each	33
Quail—Hoi-Hoi-Pak Kup	each	30
Quail—Un-Chun	each	20
Rice Birds—Wo Pa Cheuk	dozen	—
Snipe—So Cheuk	each	20
Turkeys, Cook—Phur Kai Kung	each	60
Hen—Na	each	45
Wild Ducks, Shai—Shang-hoi Sui Ap pair	each	60
Teal—Sui Ap Chai	each	100
Wild Ducks Canton—Sung Shing Sui Ap	each	100

Fish.

Barbel—Ka Yu	lb	10
Bream—Bin Yu	lb	10
Canton Fresh Water Fish—Hoi Sin Yu	lb	15
Carp—Li Yu	lb	15
Catfish—Chik Yu	lb	17
Codfish—Mau Yu	lb	18
Crabs—Hoi	lb	18
Cuttle Fish—Muk Yu	lb	14
Dab—Sa Mang Yu	lb	15
Dace—Wong Mei Lan	lb	11
Dog Fish—Tik Tu Sa	lb	4
Eels, Conger—Hoi Mann	lb	16
Fresh water—Tam Siu Yu	lb	15
Eels, Yellow—Wong Sin	lb	28
Frog—Tien Kai	lb	32
Grouper—Sek Fan	lb	16
Gudgeon—Pak Kup Yu	lb	12
Herrings—Tao Pak	lb	18
Halibut—Cheung Kwan Kup	lb	28
Labrus—Wong Fa Yu	lb	25
Leach—Wu Yu	lb	28
Lobster—Lung Ha	lb	22
Mackerel—Chit Yu	lb	18
Monk Fish—Mong Yu	lb	24
Mullet—Chai Yu	lb	20
Oysters—Sung Hoo	lb	22
Parrotfish—Kai Kung Yu	lb	16
Perch—Tau Leo	lb	15
Pike—Pai Pan Poong	lb	8
Plaice—Pan Yu	lb	18
Pomfret, Black—Hak Chong	lb	22
Pomfret, White—Pak Chong	lb	28
Prawns—Ming Ha	lb	40
Ray—Pai Pa So	lb	15
Rock Fish—Sek Ka Kung	lb	10
Roach—Chun Yu	lb	10

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Salmon—Ma Yau Yu	lb	28
Shark—So Yu	lb	0
Skate—Po Yu	lb	11
Shrimps—Ha	lb	24
Snapper—Lap Yu	lb	20
Sole—Tat So Yu	lb	18
Tench—Wan Yu	lb	18
Turbot—Cho Hoi Yu	lb	22
Turtles, small, fresh water—Kork Yu	lb	60
White Bait—Nagu Yui Chai	lb	—

Fruits.

Almonds—Hung Yau	lb	25
Apples (California)—Kam San Ping Kho	lb	20
(Chelon)—Tin Chai Ping Kho	lb	19
Small—Hoi Tong	each	—
Custard—Fan Lai Chi	each	—
Bananas, fragrant, Canton—San Shing	lb	3
Bananas, (Arises), Macao—San Heng Chiu	lb	10
Chestnuts, Chinese—Foong Lat	lb	10
Carambola—Young Tau	lb	10
Cocoanuts—Yeh Tai	each	10
Lemons, China—Ning Moong	lb	5
America—Kam San Ning Moong	lb	6
Liches Dried—Lai Chi, Small Stone	lb	20
—Fresh—	lb	6
Limes (Siam)—Sai Kung Ning Moong	each	6
Mango, Manila—Lui Sung Mong	lb	15
Mangosteens—San Chai Tao	each	—
Oranges (Canton)—San Shing Tin Chung	lb	6
Oranges Sweet	lb	10
Pears (American)—Kam San Shoo Lay	lb	8
(Canton), Cooking—Sa Lay	lb	10
Peanuts—Fa Song	lb	10
Persimmons Large—Hung Chai	lb	10
Pine-apples, 1st quality—Poon Tai Paw Law	each	10
—2nd—Chung-lung Paw Law	each	10
Plantain—Tai Chai	lb	3
Pineapples—Swatow, Hung Lai	each	20
Pumpkin, Siam—Chun Lo Yau	each	20
Shanghai—Lo Kwat	lb	13
Walnuts—Hop Tau	lb	13
—Green—Sung Hop Tau	lb	13
Water Melon—(Am.) Kam San Sui Kwa	each	10
(China) Sai Kwa	each	10
Grapes—Sung Po Tai Tau	lb	10

Vegetables &c.

Artichokes, Shanghai—Sheung-hoi Ah	lb	6
Chi Cheuk	lb	6
Beans, (French), Macao—Oh Moon Pin Tau	lb	10
(French), Shanghai—Sheung Hoi	lb	10
Pin Tau	lb	10
Sprouts—Ah Choi	lb	2
Long—Tau Ko	lb	2
Best Root—Hung Chai Tan	each	2
Brinjals, Green—Ching Yuen	lb	5
Red—Hung Kie	lb	6
Cabbage, Chinese, com—Kai Choy	lb	5
Cabbage Red—Hung Yeh Choy	lb	5
Cabbage, Shanghai—Yeh Chai	lb	8
Cane Shoots, bunch—Kau Shun	lb	5
Cauliflower, Large size—Kai Yeh Cho Fa	each	15
Medium size—Cheung Yeh Cho Fa	each	10
Small size—Sai Yeh Cho Fa	each	8
Carrots—Kam Shun	lb	6
Calary, Chinese—Tong Kan Choi	lb	5
English—Young	lb	10
Chillies Dried—Gom Lat Chiu	lb	10
Red—Hung Fan	lb	15
Green—Ching Lat Chiu	lb	10
Curry Stuff, English—Kai Lee Chiu Lin	lb	3
Cucumbers—Ching Kwa	lb	3
Bitter Squash—Fu Kwa	lb	3
Garlic—Quo Tau	lb	2
Ginger, young—Sun To Keung	lb	5
old—Lo Keung	lb	6
Home Radish, S'hai—Lik Kan	lb	12
Indian Corn—Sek Mai	each	—
Lettuce—Young Sang Choi	lb	1
Water Chestnuts—Ma Tai	lb	5
Mandarin—Kwai Lum Ma Tai	lb	6
Mushrooms, Fresh—Sang Cho Koo	lb	10
Musk Melon, Amer.—Kam-san Hong Kwa	each	—
Okros	lb	7
Onions, Bombay—Young Chong Tau	lb	7
Green—Sang Chong	lb	7
Shanghai—Shang-hoi Chong Tau	lb	7
Papaw, 1st qual—Tai Man Sau Kua	each	—
2nd—Chung	each	—
Parley—Kam Cho	lb	3
Green Peas—Ching Tau	lb	8
Potatoes, Sweet—Fai Shu	lb	3
Shanghai—Shang-hoi Shu Tai	lb	3
Japan—Yut Poon Shu Tai	lb	3
American—Fa Ki	lb	3
Poochow—Fook-chow Shu Tai	lb	3
Pumpkin—Tong Kwa	lb	3
Radish—Hung Lo Pak Tau	lb	3
Rhubarb (Fresh)—Tai Wong	lb	3
Sage—Two So	lb	3
Shallots—Gom Chung Tau	lb	4
Spinach—Yin Chai	lb	4
Tomatoes—Fan Ker	lb	5
Taro—Wu Tau	lb	5
Turnips, Punt, (Long)—Lo Pak	lb	3
English—Young Lo Pak	lb	3
Vegetable Marrow—Chit Kwa	lb	3
(Am.)—Kam-san Chit Kwa	lb	3
Water Cress—Sai Young Choi	lb	3
Lily root—Lin Ngau	lb	3
Yam—Ta Shu	lb	3

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MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

3 p.m. Governor's Foundation of Stone, New Wing, St. Paul's College.
3 p.m. Boys' Brigade Inspection, St. Andrew's, Kowloon.
8 p.m. Engineers' Dinner, Wake Shield Competition.
9 p.m. Boxing at the City Hall.

General Memoranda.

SUNDAY, March 12—
10.25 a.m.—H. K. V. C. Church Parade at Union Church.
TUESDAY, March 14—
5.15 p.m.—Hongkong Club's General Meeting of Members at Club House.
9.15 p.m.—The Police at Theatre Royal, City Hall.
THURSDAY, March 16—
None—Meeting of China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.
12.30 p.m.—Meeting of Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.
9 p.m.—Lecture at Union Church Literary Club by Mrs. W. J. Williams, B. Litt.
FRIDAY, March 17—
St. Patrick's Day.
SATURDAY, March 18—
First Aviation Meeting in Hongkong.
MONDAY, March 20—
Annual Meeting Hongkong Chamber of Commerce.
9.15 p.m.—Lady Lugard 'at Home' at Government House.
THURSDAY, March 23—
9 p.m.—Lecture at Union Church Literary Club.
SATURDAY, March 25—
Inspection of H. K. V. C. by General Officer Commanding.
8 p.m.—Devonian Dinner at Hongkong Hotel.
TUESDAY, March 28—
12.15 p.m.—Meeting of China-Borneo Co., Ltd.
THURSDAY, March 30—
9 p.m.—Union Church Literary Club Business Meeting.

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SAUCE FOR THE GOOSE.

HONGKONG might well be termed the Colony of anomalies, for there is scarcely a branch of human activity here in which some paradox cannot be observed. And the irony of the situation lies in the fact that the Government, long inured to things as they are, quietly acquiesces in the chaotic order and does nothing to disentangle the knotted skein. We have instances of this in the laws and regulations relating to gambling, licensing, the opium question and the problem of the *demimonde*. It is common knowledge that Chinese, both rich and poor, are harassed without intermission in their pursuit of games of chance, while Europeans can publicly indulge their gambling proclivities without the least fear of molestation. In the liquor trade the employment of burndicks is not permitted because of the Puritanical sympathies of the Government, and yet the following of a degraded and base calling is coolly condoned by the same authorities, who incidentally fail to comprehend that they may be driving women from public houses to other and even more debasing surroundings still. The smoking of opium is not permitted in eating-houses and premises of the like kind, yet the Government does nothing to stamp out the opportunities for satisfying the appetite for the drug in the glittering houses of shame which openly thrive in the Western district of the City. The list of abnormalities might easily be extended, but sufficient has been written to indicate the utter inconsistency of the powers that be in dealing with

important social questions. What we complain of is that there is no well-defined set principle or policy which is followed out by the Administration to its logical termination without deviation or deflection of any kind whatever. Like the nation itself our little colonial entity of a Crown Colony fears to face first principles. Yet, for all that, it greatly desires to secure and retain the full confidence and respect of the people. Though the public may be slow in expressing its views, there is nothing which it so thoroughly detests as an attitude, passive or otherwise, which savours of double-facedness or of hypocrisy, the besetting sin of the British character, if we are to believe our enemies. In the foregoing remarks we have dealt with questions in a general way. We desire now to touch upon a particular matter. Few will deny that the pulse of public morality in Hongkong displays little evidence of sensitiveness, but for all that there are occasions when corporate opinion is pointedly expressed. This was the case some time ago in regard to the growth of public soliciting in Queen's Road, which resulted in Sir Henry May himself giving a number of the fallen sisterhood into charge. It has again been evidenced recently with regard to the establishments which were prominently carried on in Ship Street by Orientals, until these creatures have now, in consequence of the representations made by the public, been shifted into a less conspicuous thoroughfare, out of the sight of all but those who desire to ferret the quarter out. What we now wish to advocate, in the name of the Colony's good reputation, is that the same step taken with regard to the Japanese shall be followed with reference to the soiled doves who come to us from the West. In other words, we plead for a policy of segregation in this matter. The following of the calling to which we are referring—and the existence of which, seeing that it is the oldest trade or profession known to the world, may perhaps be a necessary evil—should not for a moment longer be tolerated except in certain prescribed areas, which would not be so easily accessible or so prominent as that part of the centre of the city in which the business of prostitution is at present openly carried on. Not only are these houses "winked at" by the authorities, but, worse still, the inmates are tacitly permitted to practically advertise their calling by the display of large illuminated numerals over their doorways, the meaning of which must be patent to all and sundry. We do not hesitate to say that the conditions under which this degrading traffic is allowed to flaunt itself in the eyes of the public is a dark blot on our Colonial administration, a blot which, in the interests of the fair name of the Colony if it cannot be blotted out, should at any rate be partially erased. We are aware that the suggestion of segregation is not by any means new, but now that a move has been made with regard to one section of people we think the moment opportune for the whole matter to be reviewed and a needed reform undertaken on the lines we have advocated.

LECTURE ON AUSTRALIA.

A very interesting lecture on Australia was given before a large attendance at the City Hall on Thursday evening, under the auspices of the Old Volume Society, by Mr J. B. Sutor, Commercial Commissioner in the East for New South Wales. His Excellency Sir Frederick Lugard presided. The lecturer gave a very comprehensive summary of the present status of Australia and enlarged on its great possibilities for expansion. Interesting cinematograph films illustrative of the scenery, sport, the fauna, etc., particularly in New South Wales, were shown and very much appreciated. Another film descriptive of life in the Fiji Islands was also exhibited. At the close, on the motion of His Excellency the Governor, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr Sutor, who, in replying, paid similar compliment to Sir Frederick Lugard.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

His Excellency Rear Admiral von Krosigk and Mrs. von Krosigk arrived by German mail yesterday and spent the day at Government House, proceeding northwards in the same ship at midnight.

Hon'ble Mrs. George Keppel, Countess of Salisbury, Baroness de Hohenhausen, and Lady Edmonstone also arrived by German mail yesterday and are staying at Government House, as well as Vice Admiral Sir Alfred Wintche.

There will be an official dinner at Government House to-night at 8.15 o'clock. Besides the house party the guests include Dr. and Mrs. Vorotzsch, Mr G. Friedland, Mr C. R. Lenzmann, Mr R. Timmerschmidt, Captain Cayley and Mr Kohle, H.M.S. Minstaur; Commodore and Mrs. Eyles, Captain Lima, Portuguese cruiser; Republic; General and Mrs. Anderson, Captain Simonds, Colonel and Mrs. Hamilton, Mr and Mrs. Brown, Mr and Mrs. Kewick, Mrs. Lubbock, Captain Nicholas, H.M.S. Florio, and Mr Murmy Stewart.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The German Mail of the 8th February was delivered in London on the 9th March.

To-morrow at 3 p.m. the cutter yacht Owl, Hayward-Hays' class, is to be sold by public auction at Ah King's Shipway.

A junk was cut in two by an unknown steamer off Cape Collinson on Friday night. Apparently no lives were lost, as no one seemed to be on the junk at the time.

A grand skating carnival was held at the Belle Vue Hotel on Thursday night and was a great success. The carnival drew a large crowd who thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Several competitions were held which proved very interesting.

A London cable of February 17 says the Irish papers are publishing persistent reports that Mr Winston Churchill, Home Secretary, will change portfolios with Mr Augustine Birrell, Chief Secretary for Ireland, in order that he may take charge of the Home Rule bill.

In view of the Commonwealth's decision not to send troops for the Coronation festivities in London owing to the large expenditure for purposes of defence, arrangements are being made to send contingents of cadets at the expense of private individuals, the Commonwealth commending the contingents to the Imperial Government.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Captain H. Mollison, 1st Bat. K.O.Y.L.I., joined the command from leave on the 1st inst.

The Bishop of Victoria will preach at the parade service at the Cathedral on Sunday next.

The Daily Telegraph says it is understood that Lord Crew will be in attendance on the King in India.

Leave of absence to the United Kingdom has been granted to Captain T. C. Leith, R.G.A., from 8th April to 7th October, 1911.

Leave of absence to neighbouring countries, has been granted to Lieut. Y. B. Hitecock, R.G.A., from 28th March to 31st July, 1911.

Major F. C. S. Sanborn-Palmer, 13th Rajputs, is the Visitor to the Detention Barracks, and Captain H. E. G. Bell, R.E., Field Officer for the ensuing week.

Mr F. Coyne, of the Bandmann Opera, while in Rangoon recently rescued two ladies and a child who had been thrown into the lake through a pony running away with their phaeton.

MISHAP TO CHINESE STEAMER.

Towed to Hongkong.

The China Merchants Steam Navigation Company's steamer Chi Yuen arrived in port yesterday afternoon having in tow the Chinese steamer Kiang Ping, which is owned by the Tung Kee Firm of Shanghai, for which Messrs Tung Lee and Company are the agents in Hongkong.

It appears that the Kiang Ping was on her way from Chinkiang to Canton, with a cargo of ground nuts and sundries, and when 21 miles off the Whipo Dog Islands her tail-shaft broke. Capt. Uden, who was in command, thereupon took the steamer to an anchorage by the side of the wharves, and three days ago the disabled craft was sighted by the Chi Yuen, who went to her assistance and eventually took her in tow. On the run down the weather was rather rough, and two of the wire ropes used in towing the steamer snapped asunder. However, nothing further of an untoward nature occurred and the "Juno duck" was safely brought to port. Capt. Janineon was in command of the Chi Yuen.

The cargo of the Kiang Ping is now being transferred to the other steamer, which will carry the stuff to its destination while the disabled boat goes into dock. We understand that the China Merchants Company are to receive a sum of £20,000 for the assistance rendered and for taking the cargo on to Canton.

TYPHOON WARNING.

The American Consulate General at Hongkong circulated this afternoon the following telegram received from the Manila Observatory.
MANILA, March 10, 12.15 p.m.
Cyclone or typhoon E. of the Visayas Islands; direction unknown.

STAY OF EXECUTION REMOVED.

The case was mentioned at the Supreme Court this morning in which Cheung Hung sued Grace Gordon to recover \$32.50.

Mr C. Wilson appeared for plaintiff and said that he had had a letter from Messrs Goldring and Barlow saying that their failure to appear on the last occasion was due to an oversight. He therefore asked his Lordship to remove the stay of execution.

His Lordship—Ought it to have been on the list?
Mr Wilson—They have done nothing.

His Lordship—Mr Barlow came to see me and I told him I would stay execution and restore the case to the list.

Mr Wilson—I don't think this is a case in which plaintiff ought to suffer any further.

Mr Barlow was sent for and he said that he had no further instructions. He did not think the case would be in the list.

His Lordship—You made an application for stay of execution?

Mr Barlow—On Wednesday I wrote and told her that we refused to act for her and advised her to change her solicitors.

Mr Wilson—The money has been paid into court.

His Lordship made an order for the payment out of the money.

FAR EASTERN ASSOCIATION OF TROPICAL MEDICINE.

The second biennial congress of this Association will be held in Hongkong from Saturday, January 20th to Saturday, January 27th, 1912, under the Presidency of the Hon. Dr. J. M. Atkinson.

Saturday, January 20th, will be devoted to the reception of official delegates and visitors, leaving the whole of the following week for the scientific work of the Congress. A Scientific Committee has been appointed consisting of—Col. W. G. Bedford, C.M.G., M.B., P.M.O., Chairman; Deputy Inspector General J. L. Barrington, R. N.; Charles Fensholt, M.D., F.R.C.S., (Edin); Oskar Muller, M.D. (Munich); and F. Osmund Stedman, M.D. (London), to classify the papers which are offered, so as to give, as far as possible, a day to each of the following groups of subjects:—

Protozoology—Helmintology; Cholera—Flagellates—Leptospirosis; Tropical Fevers including Malaria—Beri-Beri—Dysentery; Surgery—Obstetrics—Infantile Diseases; Climate—Hygiene—Sanitation. The papers may be in either English, French or German, but the abstracts are in each case to be in English.

VOLUNTEER NOTES.

PROFICIENCY AND PROMOTION EXAMINATION. The following Sergeant has obtained proficiency certificate—Sergeant F. O. Day, No. 3 Artillery Company.

The following have qualified for rank of Sergeant. Corporal Crawford, No. 2 Artillery Company. Gunner Storrie, No. 4 Artillery Company.

MURKETT COURSE. STANDARD TEST. Sunday, March 10th, at 9.30 a.m. This is the last available date this month and all members who have not yet fired the course must, in order to make themselves efficient for the year, attend on this occasion.

NO. 4 COMPANY R.E.V.A. The fifth and last shoot of the 1910-11 monthly competitions is postponed till the second Sunday in April. King's Park Range will be open for practice on Sunday afternoon, March 12th.

JOINED. Mr R. C. Barlow joined the Corps on the 3rd March, and was posted to the Infantry Company.

RETIRED. Corporal O. V. Lanning, of the Scouts Company, is permitted to resign on leaving the Colony with effect from the 7th March.

ON LEAVE. Sergt. H. W. Sayor, of No. 2 Company is granted leave of absence for 12 months with effect from the 14th February.

Private J. Bell-Tyng, of the Scouts Company, is granted leave of absence for 6 months with effect from the 17th Feb.

Private A. C. Putley, of the Infantry Company, is granted leave of absence for 12 months with effect from the 24th February.

Private H. Hunter, of No. 3 Company, is granted leave of absence for 2 months with effect from the 28th February.

Sergt. A. Gregory, of the Infantry Company, is granted leave of absence for 18 months with effect from the 22nd February.

Corpl. C. A. W. Farrier, of the Infantry Company, is granted leave of absence for 12 months with effect from the 23rd February.

Captain G. H. Ross, of the Scouts Company, is granted leave of absence for one month with effect from the 11th March.

Private W. H. Tindal King, of the Scouts Company, is granted leave of absence for 6 months with effect from the 7th March.

MARCHING ORDER INSTRUCTIONS. As the dress for G. O. C.'s Inspection will be Marching Order Officers commanding Companies should hold parties of their units to inspect and fit equipment. The Dummy will be fitted up and can be seen at Headquarters.

The homestead leaves taken up in the Canadian West during last year numbered 48,000, and the people who settled on the land numbered 110,000 souls, including 10,000 Canadians, 14,000 Americans, 5,000 English, 1,000 Scottish, and 500 Irish. The immigrants comprised 35 nationalities.

[Continued.]

BRITISH NAVAL ESTIMATES.

THE NEW PROGRAMME.
(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, March 10.

The Naval Estimates provide for an expenditure of £41,392,500, which is an increase of £2,788,800 over last year's Estimate.

"New construction" is to cost £15,003,877, which represents an increase of £1,784,017. Under this heading there is provision made for the construction of five large armoured ships, while the personnel will be increased by 3,000 men.

Of the sum devoted to new construction £1,738,645 is for beginning work of the new programme comprising besides five large armoured ships three protected and one unarmoured cruisers, 20 destroyers, six submarines, two river gunboats, a destroyer depot ship and a hospital ship.

PROMOTION FOR ADMIRAL MOORE.

FORMERLY ON THE CHINA STATION.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, March 10.

Admiral Sir A. W. Moore has been appointed to succeed Admiral Curzon, Howe in the Portsmouth Command.

[Note—Admiral Sir Arthur William Moore, K. C. V. O. is well-known in Hongkong, having been in Command of the China Station from 1900 to 1908. His first Command was to the Cape of Good Hope Station, where he served from 1901 to 1904, and later he was made Second in Command of the Channel Fleet. Sixty-three years of age, he has had a successful career in the Navy, which he joined in 1860. He served in the Egyptian War in 1882 and was made Captain two years later. He was one of the representatives of England at the Anti-Slavery Congress held at Brussels in 1889, and was a member of the Australian Defence Committee in 1890-91. From 1898 to 1901 he was a Lord Commissioner of the Admiralty. Admiral Moore was made O. M. G. in 1897, C. B. in 1897, K. C. B. in 1902, and K. C. V. O. in 1905.—Ed. C.M.]

THE FRENCH NAVY.

A POLICY OF REGENERATION.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, March 10.

On the Naval debate in the French Chamber M. Delcasse announced that he aimed at the complete equipment of the arsenals and the creation of a well-trained fleet ready for any emergency.

KAISER'S SON ILL.

APPENDICITIS THE TROUBLE.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, March 10.

A Kiel message states that the German Emperor and Empress have arrived there and are attending at the bedside of their sailor son, Prince Adalbert, who is suffering from appendicitis.

QUEEN RECEIVES CHINESE MINISTER.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, March 8.

Her Majesty the Queen has received in audience His Excellency Liu Yu Lin, the Chinese Minister.

PLAGUE DYING OUT.

RENEWAL OF RAILWAY TRAFFIC.

(Wah Tei Yat Po's Service.)
PEKING, March 9.

On account of the rapid decrease in the plague epidemic railway traffic has been resumed.

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RUSSIA IN MONGOLIA.

SECRET AGREEMENT FEARED.

(Wah Tei Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, March 9.

It is reported that a secret agreement has been entered into between the Russian Government and a Mongolian Prince.

The Board of Colonies has accordingly despatched an officer to make enquiries into the matter.

CHINA'S BOUNDARY TROUBLES.

CANTON VICEROY'S SCHEME.

(Wah Tei Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, March 9.

His Excellency Chiang Ming Ki, Viceroy of Canton, has sent a long telegram to Peking outlining a scheme for the settlement of the Mongolian and Yunnan boundary disputes.

An Imperial Edict has been issued ordering the Board of Administration and the Wai-wu-pu to discuss the proposals clause by clause and report as soon as possible.

ITEMS AT THE COURTS.

A coolie was sent to goal for seven days for stealing a jacket from the Indian military lines at Kowloon.

Two Indians were charged at the Magistrate with embezzling a sum of \$244.45 from a Chinese dairyman. They were remanded.

Two men were to-day charged with distributing seditious literature and were remanded. The first was liberated on bail of \$400 and a surety of \$500, while the second defendant's bail was fixed in \$500.

The master of the private steam launch Sir Tukoo appeared before Commander C. W. Beckwith, R.N., at the Marine Court to-day on a charge of failing to observe the rule of the road and a fine of \$5, or fourteen days' imprisonment, imposed.

A native has reported to the police that recently he took 362 empty bottles in a sampan to the Japan Maru, but while alongside four other boats came on the scene and stole all the bottles. The police do not attach much credence to the story.

Two men were arrested for street gambling at West Point yesterday. While being taken to the Police Station by a District Watchman a boy friend of the gamblers offered the Watchman 17 cents as a bribe to let them free. At the Magistrate's the boy was fined \$20 and the gamblers \$3 each.

BIG GAMBLING CASE ENDS.

The big gambling case in which eighteen well-to-do Chinese were charged at the Magistrate before Mr E. R. Hallifax terminated this afternoon.

The first three defendants were convicted of being keepers and were fined \$200, and money on them to the total of \$350 was confiscated. Two others were fined \$3 each for playing, while a Chinese clerk from the Police Station was discharged proving an alibi. A sum of \$214 found on table was also forfeited.

The remaining twelve defendants did not answer the summons and their bail of \$50 each was exonerated.

THE LOSS OF THE WARATAH.

Verdict of the Commission.

The Board of Trade enquiry into the loss of the s.s. Waratah has resulted in a verdict that the vessel capsized; the Commission cannot say in what circumstances.

The Commission further found that the Waratah had sufficient stability, that the cargo was properly stowed, and that she was in a seaworthy condition.

Mr Dickson delivered judgment in the Magistrate's enquiry into the loss.

The Court decided that the Waratah was lost on July 23rd, 1909, in a gale of exceptional violence—the first great storm she had encountered.

The Court dismissed the theory of an explosion. There was no reasonable doubt that all the passengers and crew met their deaths at sea soon after the ship left Durban.

The Court thought it as the kindest course to emphasise that it repudiated the extraordinary statements concerning the rolling of the vessel as evidence of persons about phenomena which they did not understand.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co. Ltd.

The forty-second Ordinary Meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., was held at the Office of Messrs Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., General Managers, to-day.

Hon. Mr. H. Newrick presided and there were present Sir Paul Chater, Messrs H. P. White, C. S. Gubbay, consulting committee; A. H. M. de Silva, W. E. Clarke, J. M. E. Macleod, Ho Fook, J. Barton, A. Denison, A. Forbes, E. C. Simmott, and the secretary, Mr. T. N. Leung.

The secretary read the notice convening the meeting.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen: The accounts having been in your hands for some time I will, with your permission, take them as read. The period which the figures cover is not one which has been marked by any exceptional features—outbreaks of fire have been quite up to the average, and some of the losses occasioned thereby have been serious. In these we have of course shared, but our losses bear a ratio to premium which cannot be regarded as other than satisfactory. The premium income, after the slight decline of the last three years, shows an increase of some \$8,000, and the income from interest a rise of some \$5,000. During the year the Japanese Government converted the 5% Bonds in which the company's deposit in that country was invested, into 4 per cent bonds, and the opportunity was then taken by us to reduce in cash an amount which we held in excess of Government requirements. The deposit is now \$100,000, redeemable eventually at par, standing in the books at \$82,400 which is considerably below the market value. This amount of \$18,461.54, taken in conjunction with the profit on working account of \$240,379.54 gives a sum of \$308,841.08 to be dealt with. We recommend paying a dividend of 82.70 per cent absorbing \$251,000 and placing \$40,000 to reserve which will bring that fund up to a million and a half. The recommendation fund, which was inaugurated a year ago, and has in that time, as you will see, fully justified its creation, will require building up for some time, and it is proposed to place the balance \$52,841.08 to the credit of that fund. In view of the satisfactory results that have again been attained the consulting committee have recommended a bonus to the staff of 10 per cent on their salaries, of which I hope you approve. The premium income shows a further increase whilst the credit balance carried forward is the largest we have ever experienced. Before moving the adoption of the report and accounts I shall be pleased to reply to any questions which shareholders may wish to ask.

There being no questions the chairman proposed the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. W. E. Clarke seconded and said that he thought he voiced the opinion of all the shareholders present when he said that the successful working of the company was due to the general managers, the consulting committee and the staff and he was sure they all appreciated the appropriation of the bonus to the staff.

The motion was carried.

On the motion of Mr. Denison seconded by Mr. J. Barton, Sir Paul Chater, Messrs H. P. White, F. Macleod and C. S. Gubbay were re-elected as consulting committee.

Messrs W. H. Potts and H. Percy Smith were re-elected auditors on the motion of Mr. A. Forbes seconded by Mr. J. M. E. Macleod.

The Chairman:—That concludes the business of this meeting, gentlemen. Dividend warrants will be ready to-morrow morning. I thank you for your attendance.

An extraordinary general meeting of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited, was held at the Office of the Company, No. 2, Pedder Street, to-day, when the subjoined extraordinary resolutions were proposed and carried by the Chairman:—

1. That the Articles of Association be altered in manner following:—
(a) That the following Article shall be inserted after Art. 10, namely, 10:—
"The General Managers shall also be entitled in each financial year of the Company to be paid and to deduct out of the assets or income of the Company a commission of ten per cent, upon the gross premium earned or procured for the Company by the General Managers in Hongkong in each financial year (after deducting from such gross premium the amounts paid by the Company for reinsurance of and for returned premium in respect of the risks to which such gross premium related) on which premium no commission would have been payable from the provisions of this Article had the words 'on or before the 31st March in every year' been omitted."

(b) By striking out the words "as from time to time may be determined at any meeting" at the end of Article 13 and substituting therefor the words "as may be determined at any time by any General Meeting of the Company until such remuneration is altered by any subsequent General Meeting of the Company."

(c) By striking out the words "Fifty per cent" in Article 40 and substituting therefor the word "Seventy."

(d) By striking out the words "between the like periods in every year" at the end of Article 65 and substituting therefor the words "on or before the 31st March in every year."

(e) By adding at the end of Section I of Article 99 the following words:—
"Any Branch Office of the General Managers situated abroad may be appointed the Agents of the Company abroad under this Section and be empowered in accordance with the provisions thereof."

(f) By striking out Article III and substituting therefor the following Article:—
"The Reserve Fund shall if practicable consist of a sum of not less than \$1,000,000."

2. That all payments heretofore made by the Company to the branch offices of the General Managers of the Company elsewhere than at Hongkong for commission for premium earned or procured for the Company by any such branch offices be and they hereby are ratified and confirmed.

The Chairman said:—The attention in the articles referred to in the notice which has just been read are to permit the payment to the general managers of commission on business introduced by them to the company in Hongkong. It may very naturally appear to you as peculiar at such a late date in our history that this should have been asked for before. Hitherto the only commission paid by Hongkong to the general managers has been the general managers' commission of 5 per cent upon the net premium, and but for this, the business introduced by them in Hongkong has come to the company free of commission. As you are probably all aware, the commission paid by the insurance companies to agents for the introduction of business is very much more than 5 per cent, and the general managers now ask that they shall receive from Hongkong an agency commission of 10 per cent on business they introduce. That you may appreciate what the effect of this may be on the company's figures and results, I may say that the working account for 1909 has been debited with the amount which will be payable to Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., if this resolution is passed—the item of course also being included under the heading "accounts receivable" in the assets. So that you have, in the figures presented, a correct basis for estimating the expenses of future years' working. I should say that this application has already received the unanimous approval of the consulting committee, but in order that the legality of the payment should be beyond question it was thought desirable to amend the Articles, in the explanation of the alteration (Article 10 ("a") in the notice). The change in Article 13 ("b") in the notice fixes the remuneration of the Consulting Committee at the amount determined at a General Meeting and removes necessity of a periodical revision. The change in Article 40 ("c") in the notice reduces the time during which the Transfer Books have to be closed from fourteen days to seven days and brings that Article into line with Article 64 with which it is inconsistent. The change in Article 65, in clause ("d") and paragraph 2 of the Notice is to permit the payment to Messrs Jardine, Matheson and Co's Branch Offices, and to legalize payments already made, of commission to them as agents when they are, or have been appointed as such. There may or may not be any legal necessity for this change but the proposal is designed to remove any possibility of doubt or room for difference of opinion as to the construction which the Article may bear. The change in Article 111 (clause "f") in the notice is the removal of the words which restricted the Reserve Fund to a million and which was drafted at a time when that figure must have appeared a very long way off. The progress of the Company certainly calls for its removal.

Mr. Denison asked:—Do we understand that this ten per cent has already been included in the 1909 accounts?

The Chairman replied that it was in the 1909 accounts, not as actually paid, but it did not appear in the working account. It was put in to show exactly what the premium would be. It stood as accounts receivable and was on both sides of the books in order that they might see the effect it would have in actual working.

Hon. Sir Paul Chater seconded and the resolution was carried.

The Chairman:—That all the business now, gentlemen. I beg to thank you for your attendance.

HONGKONG CHURCH MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

Annual Meeting.

The Bishop of Victoria (Dr. Lander) presided at the annual meeting of the Hongkong Church Missionary Association held at St. Paul's College yesterday afternoon.

Amongst those present were the Revs. F. T. Johnson, Foster-Pegg, G. A. Banbury, C. J. Planchet, Hughes, Hewitt, Thornhill, Suggett and Shaw, Mrs. Lander, Col. and Miss St. John, Dr. and Mrs. Saunders, Dr. Neville Bradley, Mrs. Barnett, Capt. McKenzie and others.

The report and accounts having been presented, the Bishop gave an address on the work of the Society at its three chief centres—Hongkong, Fakhai and Canton.

He spoke of the valuable work of the educational institutions of the Mission in the Colony, giving instances of the far-reaching effects of the Christian teaching received in these places. That Chinese parents were not opposed to such teaching was clearly evidenced by the fact that they were ready to give large sums of money for the purpose of enlargement; the most recent evidence of such an opinion being found in the fact that His Excellency the Governor was to lay the foundation stone of a new building containing a number of large class rooms and chapel for the use of the Anglo-Chinese school at St. Paul's College. This building would probably cost nearly \$30,000, most of which was already subscribed by the Chinese. His Lordship spoke of Fakhai as a centre of enthusiastic work. The hospital had won its way into the hearts of the people. A most valuable work was also being done, amongst the heathens, of whom he had already confirmed over one hundred. From Fakhai to the West River stretched a number of missions which were welcomed by the people and numerous requests were being continually received for more teachers. The third centre, Canton, his Lordship felt to be of special interest. The large (Tung-Shing) district, lying to the East with about 700 towns and villages, was opening up in a wonderful way to the reception of Christianity. He had already dedicated several ancestral halls which had been handed over furnished and ready for preaching halls. Only a week ago, His Lordship said, he had confirmed 108 people in that district.

Addresses were delivered by Miss Fyfe, Dr. Bradley, the Rev. G. A. Banbury and the Rev. G. H. Blanevelt; after which the Bishop closed the meeting with the Benediction.

ENGLAND IN THE DAYS OF CHAUCER.

Choosing as his title "A Physician of the Fourteenth Century," Mr. A. Ballany Brown on Thursday evening gave a well digested lecture before the Union Church Literary Club on the intellectual conditions prevailing in England in the days of Chaucer. He said that popular opinion held many serious misconceptions concerning the limitations of knowledge or mental outlook in Plantagenet times, and that a study of the writings of Chaucer disclosed a much higher standard of advancement than many supposed. As a recent critic of the time has truly said, the fourteenth century was one of violent contrasts, of violent and violent goodness, of ecclesiastical majesty and monastic purity, of profound learning and cross stupidity. But over it all, good and bad alike, there shone the light of early morning and the marvels of childhood. Amongst the most generous characters who adorned that age none made greater appeal than Geoffrey Chaucer, the author of the Canterbury Tales and the father of English poetry. Mr. Brown after giving details of the poet's parentage and career as a courier, his prosperous early days, his drenched middle-age and golden sunset, entered on a brief sketch of the most famous of his writings. He said that just as Dante had embodied medieval ideals in the regions of theology and philosophy at the moment when they had obtained most apparent consistency, but also at the moment when they were at the point of passing away, so Chaucer has embodied chivalry in the age of its greatest splendour, the age of Edward III., just as the invention of gunpowder and the growing power of the mercantile class were about to bring it down. Continuing the lecturer said:—As an observer of men and manners we find that Chaucer is equally delighted for his shrewdness and his sympathetic charity. He is at home with every one and has a kindly word for all. He views the world as a humours, but not as a jester, he is never frivolous and seldom sarcastic, he notes faults and follies, but looks on everything a little more favourably than it quite deserves. In the short biographical sketches which form the links holding the Canterbury Tales together—Chaucer has given us glimpses into English life and character in the fourteenth century which are of inestimable value as affording us hints as to the first beginnings of many things which are now indissoluble parts of the English character and constitution. The general view which he gives of English family life is not unavourable if we bear in mind how large a share of the satirist's stock-in-trade has always been contributed by the real or imaginary imperfections of the female sex. The standard of education was higher than might have been expected, even the talk of the unlettered implying a considerable amount of general information and the Scriptures are freely quoted in the vernacular. Agencies were slowly at work which in some measure anticipated the office of the printing press, even the preaching of itinerant clerics, like the Friar and the Parson, evidently helping to preserve the common man's mind from utter stagnation. The means of travel were easier than some have supposed, for the Wife of Bath—that chatter brain gossip with a liking for wearing red stockings and fine clothes—speaks of being three times to Jerusalem, to say nothing of seeing Rome, Bologna, Compostelle, in northern Spain, and Cologne.

Mr. Brown then passed on to a critical survey of the Physician, or Practitioner, to whom Chaucer devotes 38 lines of biography. These hints Chaucer drops enabled the lecturer to trace the various famous physicians, chemists, surgeons and philosophers whom this medieval doctor studied, showing how wide his range of reading must have been; and then, following the suggestion of Professor Morris, an attempt was made to show that Chaucer depicted in his Physician a real personage, no less an one than John of Gaddesden, who flourished in the reign of Edward II. and some of whose writings are still extant. This led up to a few historical notes concerning the condition of medicine and surgery in Chaucer's day, and the strange mixture of charity and assured knowledge that the annals of the time depict.

The lecture concluded with some reflections on the literary qualities of Chaucer's style, illustrated by various quotations and the personal qualities of the man himself. In his own day he won the deep affection of fellow writers, while from sponsor down to Longfellow we find charming compliments paid to "Master Chaucer, flower of eloquence." Chaucer must be acknowledged as being essentially English in his freedom and frankness of spirit, in his smallness of mind, in his preference for the good in things as they are than in his loyalty, in his pity, in his truthfulness. As Professor Ward has put it, "He is the first English poet to read only to enjoy him, he garnished not only our language but our literature with blossoms still adorning them in verbal freshness and beauty because a figure unique in the gallery of English writers."

Dr. Sibree, who was in the chair, thanked the lecturer heartily for his address and a short discussion upon Chaucer and his times then ensued in which the Rev. C. H. Hosking and Mr. Cobden took part.

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INFANCY PLEADED IN A CLAIM FOR A CHAIN.

At the Supreme Court this morning, before Mr. Justice Hazelard, R. J. Oulish sued Sall Jan to recover \$5.

His Lordship, to plaintiff—What are you?—I am an Assyrian by birth. Plaintiff—I am a civil engineer by profession.

You claim from defendant \$5?—Yes. For goods sold and delivered?—Yes. A watch and chain?—And a box of cigarettes.

When did you sell him these things?—On February 3.

Mr. Harris—Where was it you sold him the chain?—At his place. I was walking about and he snatched it from my hand and laughed.

His Lordship—When was this?—It was in the morning.

Were you holding it?—He was standing there and having an acquaintance with him I said if he wanted a bargain he could have it for \$3.

Mr. Harris—You mean you sold it to him for \$3?—Yes.

His Lordship—He agreed to take it for \$3?—Yes.

Mr. Harris—Wasn't there someone else who saw the snatching?—No, not at that time.

Do you deny that he paid you anything on account?—He did not.

His Lordship—How much do you say he paid?—\$3.

Mr. Harris said that defendant was a boy and he was going to plead infancy. A sum of \$15 was agreed upon and defendant took the chain and said that he would ask his father if it was a good one and his father had it tested and found it was pure brass.

Mr. Harris—How long have you known him?—About three years.

His Lordship—Do you know how old he is?—I don't know.

He is under 21?—I think so.

Mr. Harris—About the cigarettes. Is that the tin?—Yes.

What is the price at which you usually sell these cigarettes?—These are sold at \$1.30 and \$2.50.

Have you ever sold this kind of cigarette for 80 cents?—No.

You haven't sold any like these for 80 cents?—It depends on the liberality of the customer.

I gather you don't do much civil engineering?—Not for the past two years. I tried my best for the past two years without result, then I wrote to my people and got these things to keep me.

You did not go for the purpose of selling these things to him?—No, particularly. When I go about I offer things and he snatched it out of my hand.

Continuing plaintiff said that the chain contained three or four figures. It was not worth much as metal and was sold as a curio. Defendant had worn it for two or three days.

Mr. Harris—What motive had he for refusing to pay?—He kept me three or four days going after him.

Mr. Harris—Did you buy this chain from this man?—Yes.

Will you tell me exactly how it happened?—Defendant said that plaintiff came to him and said that the chain was real silver one and that he would sell it for \$15. Defendant told him that if he came next day he would see what his father said about it.

Plaintiff did come and gave defendant the chain when the latter said he would accept it but that he would show it to his father and if his father liked it he would keep it and if not he would return it. Defendant gave him \$12 and plaintiff also gave him the box of cigarettes for 80 cents.

Mr. Harris—Where did you get the \$12 from?—My pay.

He told you the price was 80 cents?—Yes.

Your father did not like the chain and said it was only brass?—Yes. When I wanted to return it to plaintiff I could not find him for two or three days. I told him that he had better return 80 cents and pay the money back. Plaintiff said that he had already sold it and could not take it back again. He began to strike me. Blood came from my mouth and he gave me several blows on my face and I called a policeman and we went to the police station. The inspector told me to summon him and I did not because my father was not there.

Plaintiff—The whole thing is a fabricated falsehood from beginning to end. I sold the chain to him for \$3. (To defendant)—Did I give it to you in this broken state?—It is in the same condition as I got it.

Plaintiff—My Lord, I shall have to ask you to give him the money to wear by. Without that he can fabricate any amount of falsehoods.

To defendant—\$12 is a large sum of money. Why did you not ask for a receipt?—Because you promised to come next day and I trusted you for a receipt.

His Lordship said that he did not believe the story told by defendant and gave judgment for plaintiff for \$2.

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The House of Silence, by Evelyn Everett Green.

The Disappearance of Nigel Blair, by Florence Warden.

The Marriage of Count Malorot, by D. Hugh Price.

Fancy Farm, by Neil Munro.

An Empress in Love, by Fred Whitlaw.

The Love of Kuama, by Bal Krishna, with an introduction by Victoria Cross.

The Masterpieces of Japan, by Kate Korn.

A Gentleman of Leisure, by G. P. Wodehouse.

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A SCHOLASTIC CLAIM.

Mr. Otto Kung Sing, who appeared before Mr. Justice Hazelard at the Supreme Court this morning, for the Anglo-Chinese Education Trust Co., Ltd., who were sued by Thomas O'Kane to recover \$400.00, asked his Lordship to strike the case out as he thought his friend knew that he had sued the wrong people.

Mr. J. H. Gardner, for plaintiff—I am instructed that they are the right people. The case was adjourned for a week.

BRITISH POLITICS.

Results of Two Bye-Elections.

Below we give results of the bye-elections which recently took place at Westbury and Horncastle.

WESTBURY.
The Hon. Geoffrey Howard (Liberal) 5,073
Mr. G. L. Palmer (Unionist) 4,402

Liberal majority 581.

The result is a distinct advance for Unionism, for at the General Election Sir J. M. F. Fuller (Lib.) was 880 ahead of Mr. Palmer.

HORNCASTLE.
Captain Weigall (Unionist) 4,955
Mr. F. C. Linfield (Liberal) 4,848

Unionist majority 107.

The Liberals have made a better fight this time than at the General Election, when Lord W. de Grey (U.) defeated Mr. Linfield by 504 votes. The bye-election was caused by the death of the Earl of Ancaster and the consequent elevation of Lord Willoughby de Eresby to the Peerage.

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SHANGHAI	DEVANHA	About 17th (March)	Freight and Passage.
LONDON, via UGUAL PORT, OF CALL	WAILMORA	Noon, 18th (March)	See Special Advertisement.
LONDON & ANTWERP	NORL	About 22nd (March)	Freight and Passage.
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SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KORE & YOKOHAMA	KLEIST	(17,000)	WEDNESDAY, 22nd Mar.

MANILA, YAP, ANGAUR, NEW COBLENZ, GUINEA, BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE	Capt. H. Regener	(6,750)	SATURDAY, 25th Mar., at Daylight
KORE AND YOKOHAMA	PRINZ WALDEMAR	(6,100)	WEDNESDAY, 22nd Mar.
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FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
MANILA	LOONGSANG	SATURDAY, Mar. 11, at 2 p.m.
SANDAKAN	MAUSANG	TUESDAY, Mar. 14, at Noon

SHANGHAI, KORE AND MOJI	POOKSANG	MONDAY, Mar. 20, at Noon
SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA	KUTSANG	WEDNESDAY, Mar. 22, at Noon

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SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	CHISHUA	Mar. 11, Midnight
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	TAMING	Mar. 14, at 4 p.m.</

